

REMARKS

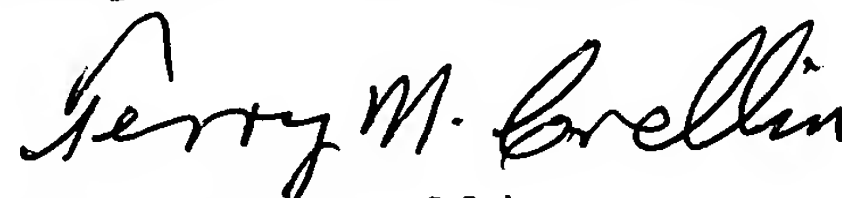
The claims have been amended so as to obviate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112. In particular, the claims have been amended to limit the method to one for treating dairy cattle. In addition, the claims have also been amended to limit the chlorhexidine component to chlorhexidine acetate.

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. 103 has been obviated by amending the claim to recite chlorhexidine acetate and zinc powder. The Examiner had noted that treating dairy livestock with powders of chlorhexidine acetate and zinc powder is unobvious, and there was no rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 of claims 10 and 11 which were already limited to chlorhexidine acetate and zinc powder. Claim 9 is now in agreement with the allowable claims 10 and 11 and thus in condition for allowance. The rejection of claim 15 has been obviated by amending the claim to recite chlorhexidine acetate. The Examiner had noted that treating dairy livestock with powders of chlorhexidine is unobvious, and there was no rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 of claims 16 and 17 which were already limited to the method of treatment with chlorhexidine acetate. Claim 15 is now in agreement with the allowable claims 16 and 17 and thus in condition for allowance.

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The application is believed to be in proper formal condition, and the claims as amended have been indicated as being unobvious and therefor allowable as clearly distinguishing over the cited prior art. Accordingly, the application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance, and an early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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